

EarthCorps Annual Report 2005



EarthCorps' mission is to build global community through local environmental service



Strong Communities

Nothing brings **people together** like getting dirty. EarthCorps works with schools, businesses and community organizations to accomplish tangible, ongoing projects that make a difference in neighborhoods and parks like Dearborn Park in **South Seattle**, in suburban and island communities around Puget Sound, as well as in rapidly changing areas like **White Center**.

Healthy Habitats

Improving the air, water and quality of life in western Washington is part of EarthCorps' daily routine. This work directly benefits nesting grounds of the **Great Blue Heron**, spawning channels for several runs of **Pacific Northwest salmon**, native salamanders, frogs and turtles, as well as the homes of **Bald Eagles**.



Young Leaders

Cultivating the next generation of environmental stewards means **planting a seed** with elementary, middle and high school students through fun, hands-on projects that make the natural world real and relevant. More than 50 young adults graduate from the corps program each year. Many of them assume **positions of leadership** in the environmental and development fields.

Strong communities, healthy habitats and young leaders are important outcomes of EarthCorps' mission to build global community through local environmental service. Read on to learn more about EarthCorps' progress in 2005.

In Review

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2005 Programs

Corps program – EarthCorps’ core program is an intensive year-round service learning experience for young adults ages 18-25 from across the United States and around the world. Over 50 young adults participate in the program annually.

Crew leaders and community outreach interns – Selected corps program graduates qualify for advanced second-year leadership development training.

Youth programs – Corps members, crew leaders and interns lead environmental education and service learning programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Up to 2,000 youth participate in EarthCorps’ environmental service programs during the school year and in the summer.

Community programs – Volunteer events in local parks and open spaces engage 10,000 community volunteers each year in restoring their local environment.

International cooperation – EarthCorps hosts delegations from around the world, including Afghanistan, Jordan and Korea, to share best practices in youth development and environmental restoration work. In 2005, alumni organized workcamps with international partners, such as a 2-month workcamp with the Youth Environmental Network of the Yucatan, Mexico and 30 workcamps with Great Baikal Trail Association in Siberia, including the first all-woman trail crew (pictured below).



Dear Friends,

2005 was EarthCorps’ strongest year ever. We made great progress working with youth and young leaders; deepening our connections with our community partners; increasing our impact in restoring local parks and open spaces; advancing international partnerships; and expanding our network of supporters like you.

We made enormous progress in our first full year implementing projects prioritized in our Strategic Plan for EarthCorps:

- **Civic Engagement:** One of our key goals is to engage a broad range of constituents, especially youth, in programs that inspire long-term community stewardship through hands-on environmental service. In 2005, EarthCorps created hundreds of opportunities for people of all ages to build a greater commitment to the health of our planet through hands-on service. We see the impact of this work as elementary school program alumni return as volunteers in our teen programs and as we learn about the important work our corps alumni are doing with other organizations here in the Puget Sound, across the United States, and around the world. With 10,000 volunteers annually, EarthCorps runs one of the largest volunteer environmental service programs in the world. 2005 marked the beginning of a plan to rapidly expand our volunteer base toward our target of 15,000 by 2010.
- **Professional Expertise:** EarthCorps played a key role in successfully launching the Green Seattle Partnership. Even as this effort to restore 2,500 acres of urban forest expands, EarthCorps is engaging in other initiatives such as the recently launched Puget Sound Partnership; we will support hands-on service as part of a larger effort to restore the health of the Puget Sound by 2020.
- **International Reach:** We continue to act as a catalyst for environmental stewardship internationally. In 2005, EarthCorps alumni implemented projects around the world from Mexico to Russia to Kenya to the Philippines. In addition, delegations of international environmental program leaders visited EarthCorps from Afghanistan, Jordan, Russia, and South Korea to learn from our work here in the northwest. EarthCorps was officially designated by the US State Department as a J-1

2005 Field Accomplishments

100,000 hours of service
25 miles of trail maintained
62,000 plants installed
72 acres of invasive plants removed
50 acres of restoration sites maintained

Trainee program; we are told that makes us the first and only conservation corps or AmeriCorps program to receive this designation. Our J-1 status will enable us to provide life-changing training opportunities to emerging leaders from around the world long into the future.

- **Organizational Sustainability:** Along with an impressive class of corps members, EarthCorps in 2005 welcomed several new key staff and board members to our team. We continue to invest in building infrastructure elements required to grow steadily and maintain quality programs. Securing funding from hundreds of individuals and organizations enables important investments. Among the support we received last year, critical successes include a multi-year grant from The Russell Family Foundation and a gift of \$50,000 from an anonymous donor—all helping to ensure stability, program quality, and organizational agility.
- **Communication:** We began the year by unveiling a new logo and launching a vastly improved website. This effort increased our identity and visibility and created a foundation upon which to strengthen community support for our work inspiring community stewardship of natural places.

We would not be successful without your help. Our work reflects the contributions of hundreds of donors, thousands of volunteers, an expanding network of more than 100 community partners, the dedication of a talented staff and corps who work throughout the year to restore our forests, wetlands, and shorelines through hands-on service.

Thank you so much for your interest in, and support of, the work that EarthCorps does.

*Steve Dubiel, Executive Director
Marty Chakoian, Board President*

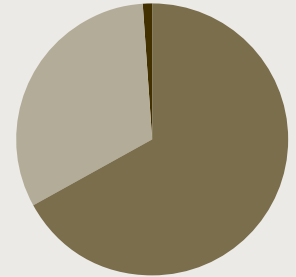
Financial Report (audited)

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Statement of Activities

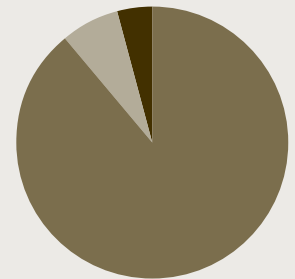
for the year ended December 31, 2005

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE				
Individual and Corporate Contributions	139,762	50,000	1,150	190,912
Foundation Grant	85,354	140,000	-	225,354
Other Grants	272,369	-	-	272,369
In Kind Contributions	17,500	-	-	17,500
Fundraising Events, net of expenses	41,753	-	-	41,753
Program Services	1,338,726	-	-	1,338,726
Interest and Other Investment Income	9,912	-	-	9,912
Funds Released from Restrictions	33,000	(33,000)	-	-
Total Revenue	1,938,376	157,000	1,150	2,096,526
EXPENSE				
Program Services	1,682,533	-	-	1,682,533
Management and General	137,494	-	-	137,494
Fundraising	74,148	-	-	74,148
Total Expense	1,894,175	-	-	1,894,175
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				
Net Assets Beginning Of Year	446,278	33,000	1,150	480,428
Net Assets End Of Year	490,479	190,000	2,300	682,779



Revenue

- Program Revenue 67%
- Grants & Donations 32%
- Other 1%



Expenses

- Program Services 89%
- Management & General 7%
- Fundraising 4%

Statement of Financial Position

at December 31, 2005

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash ¹	372,949
Pledges Receivable	70,741
Accounts Receivable	241,295
Prepaid Expenses	19,734
Total Current Assets	704,719
Net Property and Equipment	84,511
Investments - endowment funds	4,524
TOTAL ASSETS	793,754
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	59,260
Payroll Liabilities	29,406
Vacation Pay Payable	19,659
Deferred Revenue	2,650
Total Current Liabilities	110,975
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	490,479
Temporarily Restricted	190,000
Permanently Restricted	2,300
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	793,754

Note 1: Cash includes \$100,000 reserve fund.

Plan Your Legacy

As you look back, what do you want your legacy to be? You can include EarthCorps in your estate planning by using the following language:

I give and bequeath ___% of the value of my estate to EarthCorps, a charitable organization incorporated in

the state of Washington, ID# 91-159-2071, with its principal office currently located at 6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 201E, Seattle, WA 98115.

Contact Pipo Bui, Development Director at 206.322.9296 x203 for more information.



2005 Work Sites

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In 2005, EarthCorps worked at:

Alpine Lakes Wilderness, USFS
Dutch Miller Gap
Foss Lakes

Auburn
Auburn Narrows Park
Hatchery Park
Porter Levee

Bellevue
Lakeside / Lochleven

Black Diamond
Metzler Park
Whitney Bridge

Bothell
Sammamish River Park

Burien
Eagle Landing
Seahurst Park

Camano Island
English Boom
Iverson Spit

Carnation
Chinook Bend
Jubilee Farm
Tolt MacDonald Park

Duvall
Mauk Property
Oxbow Farm

Enumclaw
Boise Creek
Newaukum Creek

Everett
Forgotten Creek

Fall City
Treemont

Federal Way
Birch St. Oxbow
Brooklake
North Fork Hylebos

Goat Rocks Wilderness

Kirkland
Houghton Beach Park
Houghton Park
Kirkwood

Medina
Fairweather Nature Preserve

Mercer Island
Ellis Pond
Island Crest Park
Mercer Island SE 53rd Open Space
Mercerdale Hillside Park
North Mercerdale Hillside
Pioneer Park

Milton
West Milton

Mt. Rainier National Park

Normandy Park
Cove Community Center

North Bend
Mid Fork, Snoqualmie River
Middle Fork Salvage Site
Rattlesnake Mountain Trail

North Cascades National Park

Redmond
Bear Creek
Marymoor Park
Riverwalk
Sammamish @ Peter's Creek
Shadowbrook
Upper Peter's Creek
Welcome Pond
Willows Creek

Renton
Black River Riparian Forest
Cedar River Watershed



King Conservation District Wetland
Plant Cooperative Nursery
Lake Desire Farm
Mooring Property

Sammamish
Hazel Wolf wetland
Klahanie
King County Salvage Nursery

San Juan National Historic Park

Seattle
Carkeek Park
Cheasty Greenspace
Colman Park
Croft Place
Dearborn Park
Fauntleroy Park
Frink Park
Golden Gardens Park
Greg Davis Park
Herring's House Park
Hitt's Hill
Homewood
Interlaken Park
Jackson Park Golf Course
Jackson Park Natural Area
Kiwanis Ravine
Kiwanis Wildlife Corridor
Lake People Park
Lake Ridge Park
Leschi Open Space
Licton Springs Park
Longfellow Creek
Madrona Ravine
Magnuson Park
Maple Creek Ravine
Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park
Mt. Baker Park
NE Queen Anne Greenbelt
NE Queen Anne Park
North Seattle Community College
Bridges
Pritchard Beach
Salmon Bay Natural Area
Schmitz Park
Seward Park
Thornton Creek Park 1, 2, 6

West Duwamish Greenbelt

Skykomish
Roseballen
Tye Farm

Tacoma
Commencement Bay

Totem Lake
Totem Lake Park

Vashon Island
Burton Acres Park
Fern Cove
Fischer Pond
Island Center Marsh

Lisabuela Park
Pt. Robinson Park
Roseballen
Whinghaven Park
Whispering Bog

White Center
Lakewood Park

William O. Douglas Wilderness

Woodinville
Cold Creek / Mary Cash Farm
Sammamish Relief
Wooden Creek Park
Woodinville @145th

Partners of the Year: City Year and Seattle Works

City Year and Seattle Works are perfect complements to EarthCorps' volunteer program – they bring together a diverse group of 10- to 30-year olds who invigorate EarthCorps' environmental restoration events. Thank you for contributing hundreds of person-hours, for your service to the community, and your enthusiasm for EarthCorps' mission!

Sullivan Award Winner

Judy Pickens won the 2005 Sullivan Award for her work with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to restore Fauntleroy Creek in West Seattle, creating healthier forest and stream habitat for spawning salmon, as well as a neighborhood gathering place. The Sullivan Award, EarthCorps' highest honor, is named for former King County Councilmember Cynthia Sullivan. It is presented at the annual auction.

EarthCorps is grateful to over 100 partner organizations who fund work projects, recruit volunteers and supply in-kind expertise and support. A full list of current partners may be found at www.earthcorps.org/partners.php

Alumni Impact

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See Meghan's slide show of a Day in the Life of a corps member at www.earthcorps.org/day_in_the_life.php

Where will this van take them? Corps members pose with Van #10.

Excerpts from A Day in the Life...

7:55 am: There's no better way to start off the day than the good meditation and stretching that our sunrise salutations provide. From EarthCorps the Cascade Mountains can be seen, and always put our work in perspective.

3:30 pm: If we finish work early, we are able to learn more about our sites. Today our site included the largest natural log jam in the Pacific Northwest.

9:00 pm: I'm halfway through the program and each day I go to bed with a fulfillment and thankfulness only EarthCorps could provide me with at this point in my life.

EarthCorps graduates go on to do amazing things! See more alumni profiles at www.earthcorps.org/alumni.php

Locally



Joanna Nelson '98, Green Seattle Partnership Project manager, Cascade Land Conservancy, guides the implementation of what is believed to be the largest urban reforestation program in US history. Restoring 2,500 acres of forested parklands in Seattle by 2025 is a big project, and one in which EarthCorps plays a key role. She is excited to continue working with EarthCorps on forest restoration projects in Seattle.

Nationally



Peter Dieser '04, continued in another AmeriCorps program. In 2005, he volunteered to help with the clean-up in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. For his role in that work, he was invited to address the US Congress. This summer he's headed to Italy to help excavate another, much older natural disaster at an archeological site on Mt. Vesuvius near Pompeii.

Internationally



Maria Jose Espinoza Romero '03 (at right), Executive Director of the Youth Environmental Network of the Yucatan (RAJY) organized a two-month workcamp that included restoring coastal mangrove forest, constructing boardwalk and trail, and training local youth as docents. Several EarthCorps alumni attended the workcamp. Jose Maria "Chema" Fernandez Garcia '04 rejoined RAJY in December 2005 after serving as an outreach intern at EarthCorps.

More information about international workcamps is online at www.earthcorps.org/international.php

Summer Challenge

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I did not like the outdoors
When I first came into this program, I was the farthest thing from an environment loving person. **I did not like the outdoors.** Working here really did make me a stronger person. It's shown me that if I put my mind to something that I could accomplish my goals. I'm especially proud that I actually hiked up Sauk Mountain. I was surprised how much fun it was. I'm really glad that I joined EarthCorps. This has definitely been one of the **best summers I've ever had.**

– Nicole, 14

(Epilogue: Nicole signed up with EarthCorps again in summer 2006! Her younger brother is joining too.)

Every summer, EarthCorps teams up with the National Park Service, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation to offer fun and fulfilling service learning experiences to hundreds of **diverse teenagers.**

Matching challenge grants from the National Forest Foundation and support from people like you help keep these high quality programs available **free of charge** so that everyone can enjoy access to a meaningful interaction with nature and caring young adult guides.



Open eyes...change lives...

Give to the Summer Youth Challenge!

Your gift in **summer 2006** helps EarthCorps take advantage of a **\$30,000 match challenge** from the National Forest Foundation. Help us make the match by donating before August 31, 2006. Thank you!

Call Keith Cousins at 206.322.9296 x101 for more information, or visit www.earthcorps.org

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